



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

WP Nos. 25207 of 2026 and 25215 OF 2026

And

WMP Nos. 27500, 27507, 27508, 27485, 27487 and 27488 of 2026

W.P.No.25207 of 2026

M/s. SPM Woven Colors
Represented by its Managing Partner
Mr.M.Gobinath
S.F.No.209/5-8 (Part), 273/5 (Part) and 274/1
(Part)
Gangapuram Village
Erode Taluk,
Erode District.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Chairman District Co-ordination
Committee / District Collector
Erode District
Erode
2. The Superintending Engineer
TANGEDCO
Erode Electricity Distribution Circle
948, EVN Road, Erode
3. The District Environmental Engineer
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
Erode.



..Respondent(s)

WP No. 25215 of 2026

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M/s Naveena Printing Mill
Represented by its Managing Partner
Mr.A.Rajkumar
S.F.No.209/5, 7,8,9 and 274/1
Gangapuram Village
Erode Taluk,
Erode District.

..Petitioner

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Common Prayer : Writ Petitions are filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying for issuance of writ of certiorarified mandamus, calling for the records of the first respondent in proceedings bearing Letter No. DC/DEE/TNPCB/ERD/F.DCC/2026 dated 20/06/2026 and quash the same as being violative of the principles of natural justice and direct the Respondents 1



and 2 to restore the electricity supply to the petitioners unit forthwith and pass such further or other orders.

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(in both WPs) For M/s.T.Hemalatha

For Respondent(s): Mr.C.Prabakaran, Govt. Counsel – R1
(in both WPs) Mr.I.Syed Sibghatulla, Standing Counsel –R2
Mr.A.Abdul Hameed, Senior Advocate
For Mr.Gunasekar, Standing Counsel – R3

COMMON ORDER

The petitioner has challenged the communications dated 20.06.2026 issued by the first respondent, whereby the first respondent directed the second respondent to disconnect the electricity supply to the petitioner's industrial unit.

2. The impugned communications were issued based on a WhatsApp video complaint allegedly showing that the petitioner was discharging untreated effluents outside the factory premises. Based on the complaint, the third respondent claims to have conducted an inspection and concluded that the petitioner was discharging untreated effluents outside the factory.



3. The petitioner contends that the inspection was not conducted in his presence and that he was not asked to sign the inspection report.

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4. Pursuant to the interim order passed by this Court, the second respondent restored the electricity supply to the petitioner's unit.

5. The third respondent has filed a counter affidavit stating that the officials of the District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Erode, conducted a fresh inspection on 14.07.2026. During the inspection, the following was found:

- (i) The factory was in operation and carrying out production;
- (ii) All the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) components were functioning;
- (iii) The four-stage Reverse Osmosis (RO) system was in operation; and
- (iv) The Multiple Effect Evaporator (MEE) and Agitated Thin Film Dryer (ATFD) were also functioning.

6. The inspection report indicates that the petitioner was operating the required pollution control systems and does not record any discharge of untreated effluents outside the factory premises. In view of the subsequent inspection report, the impugned communications dated 20.06.2026 cannot be sustained and are liable to be set aside.



7. Accordingly, the impugned communications dated 20.06.2026 are set aside. The writ petitions are allowed. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

8. It is, however, open to the respondent authorities to initiate appropriate action against the petitioner's factory, if any violation of the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 is noticed in future, after following due process of law.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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